Harpswell Conservation Commission Minutes for Meeting of Feb. 2, 2010 Muncipal Office Bldg., Harpswell, ME

Members present: Mary Ann Nahf (chair), Deirdre Strachan, Donald Jones, Anne Perry, T. Barrett (arr. 4:15). Absent: A. Nemrow, B. Taylor

Guest: Carol Tukey, town planner

Meeting called to order by M. Nahf at 3:08PM

Minutes of Jan. 19, 2010 approved as amended. Moved by D. Strachan, seconded by A. Perry. Unanimous.

Member Announcements: M. Nahf mentioned upcoming eelgrass conference in Concord NH. She has details for those who may be interested. Annual HCC report has been sent to Kristi. Cedar Beach parking issue to be addressed later, D. Jones will contact road commissioner re parking signs. D. Strachan reported on a grant that Jim Hayes had applied for harbor management. He will meet with HCC on Feb. 23. Workshop at HIS on Feb. 24 at 7pm. Several members of commission gave list of upcoming meetings which they would miss. C. Tukey working on 319 grant with DEP re erosion control in New Meadows River. HCC may be able to apply for this grant in 2011 for educational purposes on landscaping practices.

Old Business: Upcoming HCC warrant article hearing is Feb. 9 at 7pm. M. Nahf will be unable to attend. D. Strachan and D. Jones will appear and other members are encouraged to attend. Worked on Q&A for handout. Map and handouts will be available at the meeting.

Otter Brook Focus Area: D. Strachan handed out power point slides for review. Changes and additions were made. She will edit and send to members before next meeting. Further discussion determined that the meeting should also include those in the upland area as well as those in the focus area and will include those up to the 100 foot elevation. Timetable for presentation is late April or May. M. Nahf and A. Perry to compile list of appropriate handouts and forward to D. Strachan.

New Business: Will try to hold a big night get-together (when salamaders and frogs come to vernal pools) meeting with HHLT and HCC at the Land Trust in late March or early April. Date dependent upon critters. D. Strachan to check with HHLT. M. Nahf remarked on two possible vernal pools that the pipeline survey may have found near Lookout Point area and Independence Lane. She will contact survey company for more details. T. Barrett would like HCC members to see the bog area on the Cliff Trail. Meeting in parking lot at 1:30pm prior to 2/23 meeting. D. Chipman will give update on the BNAS plume at 2/23 meeting. M. Nahf to confirm.

Adjourned at 4:55pm D. Jones, sec'y.